Indian Tribal Co-operative Marketing Circle, Gujarat

3365. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the activities of the Indian Tribal Co-operative Marketing Circle in Gujarat during the last two years and those proposed for the current year; and

(b) the extent to which it has helped the tribal population of the State?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) There is no such organization named as "Indian Tribal Co-operative Marketing Circle" functioning under this Ministry. However, Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED), an apex level Cooperative Society has been functioning under this Ministry since 1987.

TRIFED has undertaken Social Intervention through baseline survey and mobilization of Artisans in Vadodara, Narmada, Navsari and Dang Districts of Gujarat during the year 2003-04. A total number of 652 artisans have been mobilized into 51 Self Help Groups. Training has also been imparted to the tribals of Navsari district of Gujarat to operate non-electrical machines for converting Sal, Siali and other forest grown leaves into moulded plates and cups which have a ready market. TRIFED has also undertaken Leadership Development Training for the Self Help Group leaders and animators in collaboration with Regional Institute of Cooperative Management, Gandhinagar which was preceded by Orientation Workshops held in Tejgarh and Vansda during September 2004. TRIFED has submitted a proposal to the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) for sanction of "Technological Intervention" in the same Districts where artisans have been mobilized into Self Help Groups.

Package for tribals of forest areas

†3366. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any scheme to grant benefit of rehabilitation package to the tribes in the forest regions of various States;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.